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MANILA COMMUNIQUE, ENTITLED: A PROGRAMME OF ACTION TO
ERADICATE HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION, READS AS FOLLOWS:

1. PREAMBLE: WE, THE MINISTERS AND PLENIPOTENTIARIES OF
THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ATTENDING THE THIRD SESSION, HAVING
ASSEMBLED IN MANILA, ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE CURRENT IMPROVE-
MENT IN THE WORLD FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION. RECENT INCREASES
IN PRODUCTION HAVE PROVIDED MORE ABUNDANT FOOD SUPPLIES
AND HAVE PERMITTED THE REBUILDING OF GRAIN STOCKS IN SOME
COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, WITH THE HELP OF THE COUNCIL, PLEDGES
FOR THE BILLION DOLLAR INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL
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DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED, AND THE FUND IS EXPECTED
TO BE IN OPERATION SOON.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NO ASSURANCE
THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORLD FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION
WILL CONTINUE. COMMENSURATE WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE
FOOD PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND

THE SOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN ITS RESOLUTIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT POSITIVE AND URGENT ACTION SHOULD BE PURSUED TO ACCELERATE FOOD PRODUCTION, ESPECIALLY IN FOOD DEFICIT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO CREATE AN ADEQUATE FOOD RESERVE, TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE FOOD AID, TO IMPROVE HUMAN NUTRITION AND TO LIBERALIZE AND IMPROVE FOOD TRADE. WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE CHANGE IN PRIORITY TOWARDS FOOD CALLED FOR BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN EACH OF THESE AREAS HAS NOT FULLY COME ABOUT.

3. OUR GREATEST CONCERN IS THE ABSENCE OF SYSTEMATIC AND CONCERTED ACTION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE'S UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON THE ERADICATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH WAS BEFORE THE COUNCIL. WE BELIEVE THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS GOAL IS CRITICAL TO THE WELFARE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT OF OVER 500 MILLION OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTED BY APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS WITHIN COUNTRIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO OVERCOME POVERTY. NEVERTHELESS, THE WASTE OF HUMAN POTENTIAL INVOLVED IN CONTINUED HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT ATTACKING THOSE PROBLEMS CANNOT AWAIT THE SLOW PROCESS OF OVERALL DEVELOPMENT.

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5. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT DIRECT ACTION IS FEASIBLE AND PRACTICAL. IT WILL REQUIRE THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN INTER-RELATED COMBINATION OF FOOD POLICIES, PLANS AND COMMITMENTS BY GOVERNMENTS, AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AS WELL AS REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THESE WILL CONSIST OF LONG-TERM MEASURES TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION AND IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT AND INCOMES WHICH WILL INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF FOOD AND THE ACCESS TO FOOD BY THE MALNOURISHED; AS WELL AS INTERMEDIATE MEASURES INVOLVING FOOD AID, EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND NUTRITION AND HEALTH INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES, SOME OF WHICH MAY BE TRANSITORY.

6. TO BE EFFECTIVE SUCH A STRATEGY WILL REQUIRE: FIRST, FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHANGE IN PRIORITY TOWARDS FOOD CALLED FOR BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE; SECOND, BASIC COMMITMENTS BY THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE FURTHER A SENSE OF CONFIDENCE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS THAT THE WILL TO SOLVE FOOD PROBLEMS EXISTS; THIRD, THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH SEVERE FOOD AND NUTRITION PROBLEMS INITIATE AND SUPPORT THEIR OWN PROGRAMMES TO

SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING AT THE LEVEL OF THE FARMERS THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY SMALL FARMERS, ADEQUATE INCENTIVES; FOURTH, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND CVSHER COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO MUST ASSIST THE INITIATIVES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH FINANCIAL HELP, FOOD AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; AND FIFTH, THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES MUST BE PREPARED AND PROVIDED WITH THE MEANS TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THEIR REQUEST TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT THE REQUIRED PROGRAMMES.

7. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RESOLUTION XIV AS ADOPTED BY THE WORLD
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FOOD CONFERENCE WHICH CALLS, INTER ALIA, FOR ALLOCATION OF A GROWING PROPORTION OF SUMS RELEASED BY REDUCTION OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES FOR FINANCING OF FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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8. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE ACTIONS WE RECOMMEND MUST BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND OF PROGRAMMES TO FOSTER RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO REDUCE POVERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

9. WE ARE CONVINCED OF THE FEASIBILITY AND NECESSITY OF WORKING WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK TO ERADICATE HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION DIRECTLY AND WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE NECESSARY ACTION TO ACHIEVE THE FUNDAMENTAL GOALS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND TO IMPLEMENT ITS RESOLUTIONS.

10. WE, THE MINISTERS AND PLENIPOTENTIARIES ASSEMBLED HERE, RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING MEASURES AS THE BASIC COMPONENTS OF AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF ACTION TO ERADICATE HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION AND RECOMMEND THAT GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES ACT ON THEM

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AS A MATTER OF HIGHEST PRIORITY:

(A) TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT:

(1) COUNTRIES WHICH REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR FOOD PROBLEMS, THEIR ECONOMIC OR RESOURCE LIMITATIONS, THEIR BEING VICTIMS OF FREQUENT NATURAL CALAMITIES, AND THEIR POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION BE ACCORDED SPECIAL TREATMENT BY GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS FOOD PRIORITY COUNTRIES.

(2) FOOD PRIORITY COUNTRIES, ASSISTED UPON THEIR REQUEST BY APPROPRIATE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, AND ESPECIALLY FAO, WFP AND THE WORLD BANK, UNDP, IFAD AND REGIONAL BANKS, INITIATE OR DEVELOP FURTHER SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR INCREASING THEIR FOOD PRODUCTION TO A RATE OF AT LEAST 4 PERCENT PER YEAR AND TO THIS END DETERMINE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE:

(I) THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS TO ACHIEVE THE MINIMUM 4 PERCENT RATE OF GROWTH OF FOOD PRODUCTION; AND

(II) THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICY AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS TO BE OVERCOME TO ACHIEVE THIS PRODUCTION GROWTH.

(3) THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY EFFECTIVELY

AND SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE ITS OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE (ODA) LEVEL TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AT LEAST A
4 PERCENT SUSTAINED RATE OF GROWTH OF FOOD PRODUCTION
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IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE
ESTIMATE OF US\$8.3 BILLION (FOOTNOTE: US\$8.3 BILLION IS A
WFC SECRETARIAT REVALUATION IN 1975 PRICES OF THE US\$5.0
BILLION, FOR WHICH THERE WAS BROAD SUPPORT AT THE WORLD
FOOD CONFERENCE. US\$6.5 BILLION IS A SECRETARIAT
ESTIMATE PRODUCED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECOND SESSION
OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (PARA 62 OF THE REPORT OF THE
SECOND SESSION) AND DESCRIBED IN WFC/36.) IN EXTERNAL
RESOURCES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS (OF WHICH ABOUT \$6.5
BILLION IS ESTIMATED TO BE ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS)
(FOOTNOTE: THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, MULTILATERAL AGENCIES
AND OTHER DONORS TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PROVIDE
OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTION
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE MOST CONCESSIONAL TERMS
APPROPRIATE TO THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC CONDITIONS,
ENDEAVORING TO BRING AN OVERALL GRANT ELEMENT TO AT
LEAST 86 PERCENT) IS A NECESSARY ELEMENT FOR ACHIEVING
THIS 4 PERCENT RATE OF GROWTH AND THAT SUCH EXTERNAL
RESOURCES MUST BE COMBINED WITH A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE
IN INTERNAL INVESTMENT IN FOOD PRODUCTION IN FOOD PRIORITY
COUNTRIES. ALL CONCERNED COUNTRIES WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY
DONE SO ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED TO RATIFY THE IFAD
AGREEMENT, TO MAKE THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE IDA
EFFECTIVE AND TO MAKE POSSIBLE A STEADY AND SIGNIFICANT
GROWTH IN REAL RESOURCES PROVIDED TO UNDP AND WFP FOR
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.

(4) TO SUPPORT THE INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION
EFFORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY FOOD
PRIORITY COUNTRIES:

(A) IMMEDIATE STEPS BE INITIATED BY
GOVERNMENTS TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL
AGENCIES TO DETERMINE A MINIMUM PACKAGE OF AGRICULTURAL
INPUTS IN SUPPORT OF THE EXPANDED PROGRAMMES OF THE
FOOD PRIORITY COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE A MINIMUM RATE OF
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GROWTH OF FOOD PRODUCTION (INCLUDING LIVESTOCK AND
FISHERIES) OF 4 PERCENT PER YEAR. THOSE PARTS OF

THIS MINIMUM PACKAGE OF INPUTS, TO BE PROVIDED BY
DONOR COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES ON
CONCESSIONAL TERMS TO FOOD PRIORITY COUNTRIES SHOULD

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INCLUDE FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES, HIGH-YIELDING VARIETIES
OF SEEDS WHICH ARE PEST AND DISEASE RESISTANT, IMPROVED
BREEDS OF LIVESTOCK, CREDIT TO SMALL FARMERS, IRRIGATION
EQUIPMENT AND SELECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE IMPLE-
MENTS FOR MECHANIZATION. OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SIMILAR ASSISTANCE ON TERMS
APPROPRIATE TO THEIR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

(B) IN SUPPORTING THE FOOD PRODUCTION
EFFORTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PROGRAMMES SHOULD
BE INITIATED BY THEM AND SUPPORTED BY APPROPRIATE
INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND BILATERAL DONORS TO REDUCE
HARVEST AND POST-HARVEST LOSSES, AND TO THIS END FAO'S
ACTIVITIES IN THESE AREAS SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY
STRENGTHENED.

(C) TO SUPPORT THE SEED DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH INSTITUTES SHOULD COOPERATE IN THESE EFFORTS
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BY EXPANDING THEIR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH-YIELDING, EARLY MATURING SEED VARIETIES SUITABLE FOR RAIN-FED, DRY LAND, IRRIGATED AND OTHER CONDITIONS, AND THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE SUPPORTED THROUGH BILATERAL PROGRAMMES OR CONTRIBUTIONS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS TO FAO SEED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST 20 MILLION DOLLARS.

(D) WHILE THE PACKAGE OF INPUTS PROPOSED ABOVE IS BEING DEVELOPED, DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD INCREASE THEIR ASSISTANCE TO MSA COUNTRIES THROUGH THE MOST APPROPRIATE BILATERAL AND/OR MULTILATERAL CHANNEL, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLY SCHEME OF FAO, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE NEEDS OF MSAS IN 1975/76 FOR FERTILIZER NUTRIENTS WERE ESTIMATED AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ONE MILLION TONS. AT THE SAME TIME, INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND DONOR COUNTRIES CONCERNED SHOULD ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS ESTEND THEIR FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ENCOURAGE THEIR SELF-RELIANCE THROUGH INSTALLATION OF NEW FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE CAPACITIES AND BY THE IMPROVE-
MENT IN THE OPERATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES. MEASURES SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE TO REDUCE UNDUE FLUCTUATIONS IN THE PRICE AND SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

(E) INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD PROVIDE SPECIAL FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUFFERING FROM SHORTAGES OF PESTICIDES AND WEAK PLANT PROTECTION SERVICES, SO AS TO ENABLE SUCH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
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TO MEET THEIR PESTICIDE NEEDS ADEQUATELY AND IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND WAYS AND STRENGTHEN PLANT PROTECTION SERVICES.

(B) TO IMPROVE AND ENSURE WORLD FOOD SECURITY, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT:

(5) ALL COUNTRIES WITH ACCUMULATED GRAIN STOCKS AS A RESULT OF GOOD HARVESTS SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF SUPPLY TO CONTRIES RELYING ON IMPORTS TO FEED THEIR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE POOR

FOOD IMPORTING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING, WHERE NECESSARY TO CONVERT A PORTION OF THESE STOCKS INTO NATIONAL RESERVES IN 1977 WHILE INTENSIFIED EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP AN ADEQUATE FOOD RESERVE PROGRAMME IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK AND AS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT (FOOTNOTE: IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PREPARATORY WORK CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT COULD INCLUDE RICE, TOGETHER WITH WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.), AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF NATIONALLY HELD RESERVES, SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF FOOD GRAINS FOR IMPORTING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS TO CONTRIBUTE TO PRICE STABILITY. THESE RESERVES SHOULD OPERATE UNDER RULES WHICH ENSURE FAIR AND JUST PRICES TO CONSUMERS AND RENUMERATIVE RETURNS TO PRODUCERS TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED PRODUCTION. THE SIZE AND COST-SHARING FORMULA BETWEEN EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF SUCH RESERVES, SHOULD BE DETERMINED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ABILITY OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH COSTS. SPECIAL ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE NECESSITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF GRAIN TO FOOD AID NEEDS,

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AND SUCH ATTENTION SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE NEW FOOD AID CONVENTION WHICH SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED IN CONNECTION WITH A NEW INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT. ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO CONCLUDE THIS AGREEMENT BY 1978.

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(6) THE OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY BE ADOPTED BY ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND APPROPRIATELY REFLECTED IN THE PROVISIONS OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL GRAINS AGREEMENT, WHICH SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SAFEGUARDING THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SHOULD ALSO ENVISAGE AN ADEQUATE RESERVE TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE PRICE AND SUPPLY COMMITMENTS.

(7) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS AND CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION XVII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL AND FOOD ASSISTANCE, IN THE FORM OF GRANTS OR ON ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE TERMS, TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN THEIR OWN FOOD RESERVES, INCLUDING STORAGE AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

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(8) ALL POTENTIAL DONORS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY RESERVE OF 500,000 TONS OF CEREALS BY THE END OF 1977, ON THE BASIS OF THE MODALITIES AGREED TO IN THE COMMITTEE OF FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES, AND INFORM THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

(C) TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE THE USE OF FOOD AID, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT:

(9) TRADITIONAL DONOR COUNTRIES AND OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS DO THEIR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT THE MINIMUM ANNUAL LEVEL OF 10 MILLION TONS OF CEREALS AS FOOD AID IS REACHED IN 1977/78 AND THAT THOSE DONOR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FORWARD PLANNING OF FOOD AID SUPPLIES.

(10) A FOOD AID CONVENTION BE NEGOTIATED AS AN ELEMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT; THIS FOOD AID CONVENTION BE ESTABLISHED WITH A VIEW TO CONTRIBUTING, IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER, TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE TARGET AGREED UPON IN RESOLUTION XVII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE; THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD COVER PROVISIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF A LARGER AMOUNT OF FOOD THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME; ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO CONCLUDE THIS AGREEMENT BY JUNE 1978. DONOR COUNTRIES WHICH PROVIDE FOOD AID ON A CREDIT BASIS SHOULD INCREASE THE ELEMENTS OF CONCESSIONALITY IN THEIR AID AND SUBSTANTIALLY ENLARGE THE PROPORTION OF FOOD AID GIVEN ON A GRANT BASIS, ESPECIALLY TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SERIOUS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. FOOD AID TO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ESSENTIALLY ON A GRANT BASIS.

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(11) THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS, ON A PRIORITY BASIS, TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN IMPROVED POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR FOOD AID. THIS POLICY SHOULD INCLUDE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR MULTILATERAL EMERGENCY FOOD AID AS WELL AS EXPANDED AND IMPROVED FOOD AID PROGRAMMES TO ADVANCE FOOD PRODUCTION, SUPPORT OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, ASSIST IN DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING FOOD RESERVES, AND AUGMENT FOOD SUPPLIES FOR MALNOURISHED PEOPLE. IT SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAO PRINCIPLES ON SURPLUS DISPOSAL AND ALSO SEEK TO DEVELOP CONTINUITY IN FOOD AID ARRANGEMENTS BY BOTH DONOR AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AND ENSURE THAT FOOD AID DOES NOT RETARD EFFORTS TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES OR DISTORT COMMERCIAL TRADE FLOWS. THESE POLICIES SHOULD BE APPLIED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY. EXISTING AND POTENTIAL DONORS OF FOOD AID GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF FOOD AID PROVIDED MULTILATERALLY, MAKING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, FOOD AID THROUGH CASH RESOURCES IN THE FORM OF TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THEMSELVES, DEVELOPING FOOD EXPORTING COUNTRIES, AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES, INCLUDING COVERAGE OF SHIPPING COSTS WHEREVER APPLICABLE, AND FURTHER DIVERSIFYING THE VARIETIES OF FOOD PROVIDED AS AID.

(D) TO IMPROVE HUMAN NUTRITION, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT:

(12) ALL GOVERNMENTS GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO

REDUCING HUNGER AND IMPROVING NUTRITION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH RESOLUTION V (NUTRITION) OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE;
ENCOURAGING SELF-RELIANCE AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION,
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IN PARTICULAR THROUGH INTRODUCING NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT
AS A MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

(13) THROUGH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ACTION,
IN PARTICULAR, BY FAO, WHO, WFP, UNICEF, UNDP, AND
WORLD BANK AND IFAD, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BE ASSISTED
UPON REQUEST TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NUTRITION PLANS
AND POLICIES AND PRACTICAL PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS,
IF NECESSARY THROUGH AN INCREASED PRIORITY ON THE PART
OF THE AGENCIES.

(14) WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR SPECIFIC FIELDS INDICATED BY RESOLUTION V

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OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
ANY NEW COORDINATION MECHANISM THAT THE ECONOMIC AND

SOCIAL COUNCIL MAY DECIDE UPON, THE AGENCIES MENTIONED IN THAT RESOLUTION AND ILO, SHOULD DEVELOP THEIR CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS BY GOVERNMENTS FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES TO PROVIDE DIRECT AND SPEEDY ASSISTANCE TO THE POPULATIONS IN GREATEST NEED AND THAT THESE AGENCIES, THROUGH THE NEW INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT, INFORM THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AT ITS FOURTH SESSION OF THE ACTION THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN.

(15) FAO, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, UNESCO, THE WORLD BANK, IN COOPERATION WITH BILATERAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES IN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, PREPARE A SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE FIELD OF NUTRITION INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES, IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE ACTION TO ADVANCE NUTRITION, AND THAT THE FINDINGS AND ACTION PROPOSALS EMERGING FROM THIS EVALUATION BE PRESENTED TO THE WORLD UNCLASSIFIED

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FOOD COUNCIL AT ITS FOURTH SESSION.

(16) FAO, IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH OTHER CONCERNED UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, FORMULATE PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF NUTRITION AND REPORT TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AT ITS FOURTH SESSION.

(17) INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BILATERAL DONORS ASSESS THE NUTRITIONAL IMPACT OF THEIR EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND INCORPORATE NUTRITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO THEIR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME PREPARATION.

(E) TO IMPROVE THE CONTRIBUTION OF TRADE TO THE SOLUTION OF FOOD PROBLEMS, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT:

(18) ALL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, MAKE SERIOUS EFFORTS TO STABILIZE, LIBERALIZE AND EXPAND WORLD FOOD TRADE, THEREBY FACILITATING INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, STIMULATING AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND INCREASING THEIR ACCESS TO FOOD IMPORTS AND ASSURING STABILITY OF THOSE IMPORTS, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT RESOLUTION XIX OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

(19) NEGOTIATION OF THE UNCTAD INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES BE SPEEDILY CONCLUDED, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO FOODSTUFFS, AND THAT COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CURRENT GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS REINFORCE THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES, IN THE CONTEXT OF A PROGRESSIVE EXPANSION AND
LIBERALIZATION OF TRADE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE INCREASED
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS TO DEVELOPED COUNTRY
FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL MARKETS AND AN IMPROVE FRAMEWORK
FOR THE CONDUCT OF TRADE. THIS FRAMEWORK WOULD, WHERE
FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, PROVIDE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
SPECIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT AND SHOULD MINIMIZE
EXPORT AND IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY
THOSE WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECT DEVELOPING COUNTRY FOOD
SUPPLIES OR FOOD EXPRTS.

(F) TO INSURE THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE
INTEGRATED WITH OTHER DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND
PROGRAMMES TO ADVANCE DEVELOPMENT, TO REDUCE POVERTY,
AND TO ASSURE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT CONSISTENT WITH ITS
FOOD AND NUTRITION OBJECTIVES, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS
THAT:

(20) PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WHICH ENVISAGES THE ATTAINMENT OF THE 0.7 PERCENT
TARGET BY THE END OF THE DECADE, AND HAVING IN MIND
THE FORM IN WHICH IT WAS REACHED, DONOR COUNTRIES
(FOOTNOTE: RECOGNIZING THE DECISIONS RECORDED AT THE
PARIS CONFERENCE IN THIS REGARD.) SHOULD INCREASE
EFFECTIVELY AND SUBSTANTIALLY THEIR ODA.

THOSE DONOR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT SO
FAR ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF THE TARGET COMMIT THEMSELVES
TO WORK TO INCREASE PROGRESSIVELY AND SUBSTANTIALLY
THEIR OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FLOWS TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RAISING OF THE LEVELS IN
THE REAL VALUE OF THESE FLOWS.

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN EQUITABLE
SHARING OF THEIR EFFORTS, DONOR COUNTRIES' EFFORTS WILL
BE THE GREATER, THE LOWER THEIR RELATIVE PERFORMANCE.

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(21) AGENCIES SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THEIR
EFFORTS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES, AS
INDICATED BY RESOLUTION II OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COORDINATION MECHANISM
ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON
COORDINATION (ACC).

(22) MAJOR SUPPORT BE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENTS
AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE BASIC NEEDS APPROACH AS ENDORSED BY THE ILO
WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE.
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